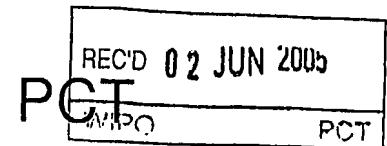


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Applicant's or agent's file reference see form PCT/ISA/220		<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> See paragraph 2 below
International application No. PCT/DK2005/000100	International filing date (day/month/year) 16.02.2005	Priority date (day/month/year) 19.02.2004
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC H04R25/00		
Applicant OTICON A/S		

### 1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the International application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

### 2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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### 3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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**Box No. I Basis of the opinion**

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
  - a. type of material:  
 a sequence listing  
 table(s) related to the sequence listing
  - b. format of material:  
 in written format  
 in computer readable form
  - c. time of filing/furnishing:  
 contained in the international application as filed.  
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.  
 furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3.  In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or  
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	3,6,7
	No: Claims	1,2,4,5,8
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-8
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-8
	No: Claims	

**2. Citations and explanations**

**see separate sheet**

**Re Item V**

**Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;  
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: EP-A-1 389 035 (SIEMENS AUDIOLOGISCHE TECHNIK GMBH) 11 February 2004  
(2004-02-11)

D2: US-A-5 349 362 (FORBES ET AL) 20 September 1994 (1994-09-20)

D3: US-A-5 020 136 (PATSIOKAS ET AL) 28 May 1991 (1991-05-28)

1.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claims 1,2,4,5,8 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT and that of claims 3,6,7 does not involve an inventive step in the sense of Article 33(3) PCT.

The document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

Communication device which is adapted for placement in a user's ear and comprises a shell part (figure 2, § 23) enclosing an input transducer for receiving an input signal (figure 2, item 21), a signal processing device (figure 2, item 25) and an output transducer (figure 2, item 23) for providing a signal perceptible as sound, a battery located at a surface part of the shell which is facing away from the head of the user (figure 2, item 19), a transmission and reception circuit for transmission and/or reception of electromagnetic energy (figure 2, item 25), and whereby an antenna for radiating and/or receiving electromagnetic energy is provided such that it has a first surface turned towards the surroundings and a second surface located in close proximity of the battery (figure 2, § 9).

1.2 Dependent claims 2-6 and 8 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty or inventive step, see documents D1 to D3 and the corresponding passages cited in the search report.

The subject-matter of dependent claim 7 comes within the scope of the customary

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practice followed by persons skilled in the art, especially as the advantages thus achieved can readily be foreseen.